



Centre for  
Social Impact  
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# NEWSLETTER

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

SPRING 2018

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## JAGRITI: A Volunteer Programme For Ashoka University Students

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The Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy, in collaboration with an NGO **Breakthrough**, has rolled-out a year-long volunteer programme called Jagriti for Ashoka University students. Breakthrough works to end gender-biased sex selection in India.

Jagriti aims to develop students' understanding of social issues and real-life challenges by giving them an opportunity to work at the grassroots level. The Jagriti volunteers accompany the Breakthrough team every Saturday to villages in the Sonapat district of Haryana. They assist team members with research, documentation, and in conducting activities with government schools, private schools, Anganwadi workers and community.

#### **Meet the Jagriti Team:**

Gayatree Dewan (UG 2020), Priyanka Mehta (UG 2019), Shreya Naik (UG 2019), Radhika Goel (UG 2019), Ayushi Misra (UG 2019), Kairvy Grewal(UG 2018), Nikita Nayar (Young India Fellow), Aashima Goyal (Young India Fellow), and Kavya Bhola(Young India Fellow)

#### **Testimonials:**

"The four field visits we did in the past one month helped me learn how we independently talk about social issues but in reality, they all are interconnected..." - Kavya Bhola, YIF

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## **EVENTS**

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### **Water Access and Equity In India**

**Date: 2nd April, 2018**

Guest lecture by Ved Arya, Founder, **SRIJAN**.

Common property resources, particularly in water, have been a contested domain. Ved Arya discussed the socio-economic dynamics of the water challenge and SRIJAN's strategy to address the issue. The organization's work has paid rich dividends in terms of economic and social empowerment of women and individuals from lower castes and classes.

### **How to Make Life Choices**

**Date: 19th March, 2018**

An interactive session with Prakhar Bhartiya, Founder, **Youth Alliance**.

In today's world, while most of the youth struggle with a single choice, there is a certain section that has increased exposure to diverse options. When there are so many options and limited time, how does one go about making a decision? Who decides what is right and wrong? How do we improve our odds of reaching decisions we feel good about? During the session, Prakhar discussed ways to find out what resonates with us.

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### **Perspectivity Challenge**

**Date: 22nd March, 2018**



**Perspectivity** is a board game that makes participants run the economy of a country in an era of rapid change. It challenges them to make decisions on climate change by simulating the socio-economic dynamics of nations. In the game, participants experience the difficulties that need to be overcome when everyone is playing to win.

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SIDE EVENTS : SOCIAL EVENINGS | HAAT | TREKKING | BIRD WATCHING | MOUNTAIN BIKING | FILM MAKING | PHOTOGRAPHY

Dais Foundation, in collaboration with CSIP, sponsored 10 Ashoka Students to attend Uttarkhand Sustainable Development Festival.

23th-24th February, 2018

## OTHER EVENTS

Guest Session by Bishakha Datta, Founder, Point of View on "Free expression, Online Abuse and Gender"

26th April, 2018

Talk by Poonam Bagai, Founder, Cankids on their work

26th March, 2018

Interactive session with Josey Jose, Director-Program Implementation, Breakthrough

27th February, 2018

## EXPOSURE VISITS

### SRIJAN'S Annual Meet

**Date: 13th April 2018**

AAGAZ is the annual meet of the SRIJAN's Self Help Group federations that comprise of more than 40,000 rural women hailing from Rajasthan, MP, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh. It offers a platform for cross-learning, discussion, and ideation to the women. Five Ashokans assisted with crowd management, food distribution and backstage management during the meet this year.

### Thali Bajao Campaign

**Date: 17th, 18th and 24th February 2018**

Breakthrough organized a large-scale community dialogue on "Equal Access to Resources" in February in villages of the Sonapat district of Haryana. They used engagement tools like folk songs and muppet theatre to initiate conversations around gender equality. CSIP facilitated three exposure visits for Ashoka University students during the 10-day long campaign in Sonapat.